Integration Council at its meeting held on June 23rd, 1987, suggested a more active role for political parties in fighting the communal menace and for promoting national integration; and

(b) if so what are the suggestions made and how do Government intend to help in their implementation?

HE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MNISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Sanding Committee of Natonal Integration Council *inter-alia* suggested a more active role for political parties in restoring communal peace and harmony in the country. These suggestions have been discussed from time to time and initiative in this regard is to be taken by the political parties.

Beedi workers in M.P.

1782. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take any fresh initiative for the welfare of beedi workers in the unorganised sector engaged in the beedi industries of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received complaints about the exploitation of these beedi workers by their employers; and

(d) if so, what is Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGA) (a) and (b) The Beedi Workers Welfare Fund has been constituted for the welfare of beedi workers. Efforts are made on a continuing basis to enlarge the scope and coverage of the welfare schemes. For example, the housing subsidy under the Housing Scheme for economically Weaker Sections of Society has been increased from Rs. 3000 to Rs 5000 per tenement with effect from 1-4-87.

(c) and (d) The Beedi and Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966 is meant to regulate the terms of employment and working conditions etc. of beedi workers. The Act, is administered by the State Govenrments Complaints about exploitation of beedi workers are generally sent to the State Governments for appropriate action.

Performance of hundred percent export oriented units

1783. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the performance of 100 percent export-oriented Units (EOUs) if so, whether these units have failed to achieve the objectives;

(b) what further action Government propose to take in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that during the period from 1981 to 1985 the foreign exchange earnings from EOUs amounted to rupees 355 crores as against the target of Rs. 5000 crores and also that out of 569 units approved so far only 99 have commenced production;

(d) whether Government propose to grant further incentives concessions to the EOUs; and

(e) if so, what additional concessions incentives have been granted to EOUs after its commencement in 1981 from time to time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (e) The performance of 100 percent EOUs is periodically reviewed and measures taken to improve the results.

Exports under the Scheme have been about Rs. 443 crores upto March,

1987. No export target is fixed for these units most of which are in the private sector. Vahd approvals exist for 571 units out of which 99 commenced production. Many projects are under implementation and are expected to be commissioned.

The incentives granted under the Scheme since 1981 include facility of 100 per cent sale in the Domestic Tariff Area suject to Import Policy and against global tenders; exemption from Central Sales Tax, simplification and cost reduction in custom bonding; duty free import of second-hand machinery; and issue of Green Cards for priority attention from Sate and Central agencies.

Labour Courts/Tribunals

1784. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state.

(a) whether Labour Courts|Tribunals are working in all the States;

(b) if not, the States where such Courts|Tribunals are yet to be set up; and

(c) the number of Courts|Tribunals without judges and by when they are likely to be appointed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Newsitem captioned "job seekers duped, exploited in Iraq"

1785. SHRI D B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Job seekers duped, exploited in Iraq" as reported in the Indian Express of the 18th July, 1987;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether a large number of manpower exporting companies are still cheating the job seekers in the country; and

(d) if so, the details of the unscrupulous companies noticed during the last three years and the steps taken by Government against such companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir, no such news item has appeared in the Indian Express (Delhi-Edition) dated the 18th July 1987.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No Sir. Only a few cases of cheating have come to notice of the Government.

(d) Out of 34 cases, Registration Certificates in respect of 9 recruiting agencies have been cancelled and suspended in respect of 25 Details may be seen in the attached statement.

Statement

List of the Registration Certificates Suspended

Name and Address of the firm

1. M|s. Gupta Travels, Bombay.

2. M|s. Overseas Engg. Construction Co. New Delhi.

3. M|s. Paramount Corporation Bombay.

4. M|s. Foreign Linkers (Personnel), New Delhi.

5. M|s. Anand Enterprises, New Delhi.

6. M|s. American Exports, Trivandrum.

7. M|s. K. |K. Enterprises, New Delhi.

8. M|s. Ekjot International, Ludhiana.